

DuPage County Family Center

We strongly believe that all children have a need and a right to share a relationship with both of their parents. It is our goal to reach out to families in DuPage County to help them achieve cooperative parenting that focuses on the needs of the children. Through a continuum of services, parent education, neutral exchange, mediation, and supervised visitation, the DuPage County Family Center strives to establish, maintain, and enhance familial relationships.

PARENT EDUCATION

- Mandatory one-time seminar
- Encourages parents to develop a way to relate to each other that keeps their children out of conflict
- Motivates parents to focus on the best interest of their children
- Emphasizes the need for parents to set aside personal differences in order to provide the healthiest environment possible for their children
- Focuses on developing a “business-like” relationship between parents
- Offered in classroom and online

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time.

Please do not bring children to the seminar.

Registration by telephone or online

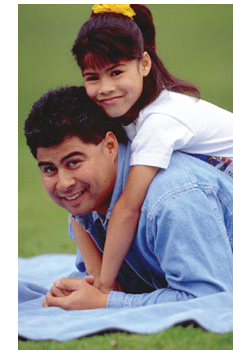
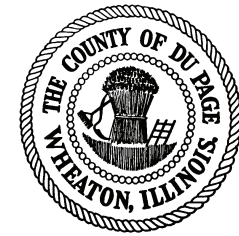
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Parents and Kids in Partnership
Neutral Exchange Site

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Parents Are Forever

Programs for building and enhancing relationships between parents and their children.

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NEUTRAL EXCHANGE

- Provides a safe, conflict free, child-friendly environment in which a child's movement between parents is supervised
- Facilitated by trained mental health professionals
- Allows for staggered arrival and departure times so that no contact between parents occurs
- Provides documentation to the Court regarding the nature of exchanges
- Security personnel on site

The Neutral Exchange Site offers safety and manages potential conflict when parents are exchanging their children for parenting time.

MEDIATION

- A confidential process wherein parents meet with a neutral third party, a trained Mediator
- Explores the nature and extent of parenting time shared by each parent
- Encourages parents to identify and prioritize the concerns and needs of their children
- Assists parents in negotiating a Parenting Plan that will best meet the needs of all family members
- Available by court order only

Mediation provides a forum in which parents can work together to provide their children with the most stable family environment as possible.

SUPERVISED VISITATION

- Provides the non-residential parent with a way of spending parenting time with his/her child(ren)
- Provides a safe, conflict free, and neutral environment for parenting time
- Establishes, re-establishes, or maintains a familial relationship
- Ensures the child's welfare, facilitates transitions, and addresses fears of one or both parents
- Submits objective documentation to the Court

The purpose of Supervised Visitation is to assist in establishing or furthering a strong and healthy parent/child relationship.